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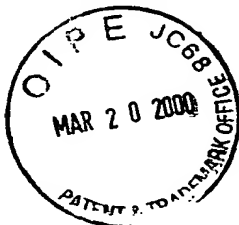
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Dear Sir:

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, a fee for filing this statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (10 pages) and a copy of item AX are provided herewith. With the exception of item AX, copies of the references listed on the Forms PTO-1449 (10 pages) are not provided herewith as they have been previously provided in connection with U.S.

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Serial No. 09/067,337 which is relied upon for an earlier filing date in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120.

The documents listed on the Forms PTO-1449 and those provided herewith (item AX) are in the English language with the exception of those mentioned below. International PCT application No. 96/03148 (item AT), which is in the Japanese language, was previously provided with an English language Derwent abstract that describes the subject matter (item BR). In addition, International PCT application No. 84/01779 (item AQ) was previously submitted with US Patent No. 5,198,540 (item E), which is an English equivalent. Publications by Köster and by Wörl (items CV and EM, respectively) are in the German language. English language abstracts (items BV and BW) describing the subject matter have also been previously provided. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following U.S. and International applications, which are commonly owned and/or have one or more inventors in common.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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